GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:59
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2012
COMPLIANCE OF CONDITIONS ON ENVIRONMENT IN DAMS PROJECTS
Singh Shri Uday Pratap

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions laid down by the Government while granting clearances to the Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat and Indira Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh have been adhered to during the construction of these projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Monitoring Committee or Assessment Committee has been constituted for overseeing the compliance of these conditions ;

(d) if so, the details thereof,

(e) whether the Committees has made any recommendations to the Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENTDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 FOR 13.08.2012 REGARDING COMPLIANCE OF CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENT IN DAMS PROJECTS RAISED BY SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH.

(a) & (b) The Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) and Indira Sagar Project (ISP) were accorded environment clearance in June, 1987. As per one of the conditions of the environment clearance, the Narmada Control Authority (NCA) has to ensure that environment safeguard measures are planned and implemented pari passu with progress of work on projects. Accordingly, the Environment Sub-Group of NCA has been monitoring the compliance and safeguard measures for the projects regularly.

(c) & (d) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Devendra Pandey was constituted for Assessment of Survey/Studies/Planning and Implementation of the Plans on Environment safeguard measures for Sardar Sarovar & Indira Sagar Projects.

(e) & (f) The report submitted by the Committee, inter alia recommended that no further reservoir filling either at SSP or at ISP be permitted. Action plans with time schedule for implementation of the remaining Environmental Safeguard Measures by the State Governments have also been suggested. Subsequently, the plans were considered and accepted by the Environmental Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its meetings held during April and May, 2011. These plans are now under implementation.